

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2022**

- Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)
Councillors W S Day, S Laws, J Lee, A Lumsden, T Murray and A Robson
County Councillor A Surtees
- Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)
- EVPC 21/22/245 **Apologies for Absence**
RESOLVED that apologies for absence be received and accepted for Councillor L Birkett.
- EVPC 21/22/246 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
There were no declarations of interest.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC 21/22/247 **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public registered to speak.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC 21/22/248 **Consultation on 38 Dwellings at Land to the South of Hall Walks, Easington Village**
Nick Bradshaw-Hughes from Believe Housing outlined to Members details of the proposed development at land to the south of Hall Walks.
The Chairman thanked Mr Hughes for his attendance and he left the meeting.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC 21/22/249 **Minutes of the last Meeting held on 10th January 2022**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman.
- EVPC 21/22/249 **Minutes of the Cemetery and Grounds Committee held on 18th January 2022**
RESOLVED: that the recommendations be ADOPTED and the minutes APPROVED.
- EVPC 21/22/250 **Matters Arising**
- EVPC/21/22/222 **Police Matters** – The Police and Crime Commissioner had accepted the Parish Council’s invitation to attend a meeting and would attend the March meeting.
- EVPC/21/22/241 **Planning Applications Strategy** – This matter was still ongoing.

- EVPC/21/22/242 **Potential Planning Training** – The Clerk had contacted the Planning Trainer direct and potential dates had been given for a face-to-face meeting in Seaton Holme. Training had now been arranged for Monday 7th March commencing at 12.30 pm.
- EVPC/21/22/243 **Emergency Planning** – This item is on the agenda for consideration.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 21/22/251

Police Matters

Members gave consideration to the report of the Police, which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED;

EVPC 21/22/252

Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Surtees was in attendance and reported on the following:-

- Sea View House – outstanding issues followed up with Planning Team Leader
- Face to face PACT meetings to commence in March
- Half-term activities with food for Easter and potentially Queen's Jubilee
- Medium Term Financial Plan and Council Tax to be set this month
- Police – Community Resilience Plan
- B1432 Hawthorn – Speed Limit reduction to 40 mph along to Easington Village
- East Durham Trust – East Durham Connect
- Consultation from Durham County Council on Economic Strategy for the County

Members raised the following issues with Councillor Surtees which she would look into and report back:-

- Sink hole on the road at the top of the Village Green
- Lamppost outside White House Court is blocking access for wheelchair and other users
- Durham Lane – missing street sign
- Road markings for right-turn along Stockton Road

Councillor Surtees advised members that if they had any issues between meetings then to raise them with her.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

The Chairman thanked County Councillor Surtees for her attendance who then left the meeting.

EVPC 21/22/253

L G Therapy

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Mrs L Garside, L G Therapy seeking permission to install laundry equipment in the store cupboard to room 2.

Following discussion it was recommended that two members of the Parish Council be given delegated authority to reach a decision on this matter.

It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk arrange to meet with the two appointed members to consider a response.

EVPC 21/22/254

Fire Risk Assessment and Fire Marshal Training

Members approved the Fire Risk Assessment which had been undertaken by Hutton Fire Protection. Fire Marshal training had been arranged for Tuesday 15th March and Members were asked if they would like to participate.

RESOLVED: that Councillors Lee and Lumsden attend the training at the 12.15 pm session.

EVPC 21/22/255

Seaton Holme Repairs

The Clerk advised Members that the Loss Adjuster had been out to inspect the damage cause by the fire in LG Therapy's rooms and had approved the work to start on the electricity boards. The Clerk advised that once this was undertaken then it would be possible for the heating to be put back on in the rooms that had been affected. The other work would be carried out in due course once approval had been given by the Loss Adjuster.

RESOLVED: the information given, be RECEIVED.

EVPC 22/22/256

Report of the Cemetery Superintendent

Members gave consideration to the Cemetery Superintendent's report which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 22/22/257

Allotments

The Clerk advised Members that following consultation with the Chairman a skip had been provided for allotment holders to dispose of items from the allotment gardens that had been damaged in the recent storms ie greenhouses, broken glass and sheds, but not for general use. Signage had been provided on the gates to let allotment holders know when the skip was coming and that it was intended for items as detailed above.

RESOLVED: that the actions of the Clerk and Chairman be ENDORSED.

EVPC 21/22/258

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.01.2022

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.1.22 were £1240.75 in the Current Account and £120,366.57 in the Savings Account totalling £121,607.32

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 21/22/259

Income and Expenditure Report to 31.1.22

The Clerk updated Members on the Council's income and expenditure.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 21/22/260

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for January were £5012.93 from the Savings Account and £15,314.25 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC 21/22/261

Invoices for Endorsement for Payment

RESOLVED:

- i) to ENDORSE the following invoices for payment, together with payments of donations/petty cash/payroll as previously agreed;

JANUARY 2022

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD/BACS
13.1.22	Argos	Multi Sockets	£34.98	BACS
12.1.22	Screwfix	Cable Cover & Multi Socket	£85.38	BACS
17.1.22	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments Month 9	£2876.23	BACS
31.1.22	Payroll	Net Payments Month 10	£6121.71	BACS
21.1.22	Nisbets	Banquet Chair Trolley	£187.18	BACS
27.10.21	Durham Fencing & La	Knee Rail Fencing Repair	£180.00	BACS
20.1.22	TNJ Pipe Clips	Lockshield Key	£39.50	BACS
30.12.21	TJ's	Repairs to Men's Urinal /Lights	£190.	BACS
30.12.21	TJS	Boarding of Window fire	£270.	BACS
17.1.22	Greenhams	Cleaning Products	£62.15	BACS
27.1.22	Pretty Wild	Wildflower Seeds	£240.	BACS
31.1.22	IOS	Stationery	£59.83	BACS
31.1.22	Cateraid	Filter Replacement	£45.	BACS
1.2.22	ADT	Alarm Rent Maint. Redcare	£1453.67	BACS
1.2.22	Hutton Fire Protect	Fire Risk Ass. Review	£192.	BACS
19.1.22	Barclays Bank	BACS Charges	£6.	DD
31.12.21	Chaser Comm.	Telephone Usage	£78.70	DD
31.1.22	Document Solution	Photocopier Usage	£9.75	DD
31.1.22	ITC	Mailbox-Office 365	£12.	DD
31.1.22	ITC	Cloud Back Up	£8.40	DD
31.1.22	ITC	365 Upgrade Laptop	£42.	DD
31.1.22	Greenham	Wellies, Wheelie Bin Bags,Wipes	£94.87	BACS
7.2.22	BNP	Telephone Rental	£39.60	DD
8.2.22	Thompson Waste	Skip Hire	£252.	BACS
6.1.22	E-ON	Electricity SH	£2442.79	DD
16.1.22	EE	Mobile phone rent	£63.37	DD
28.1.22	Wave	Allotment Water	£460.98	DD
2.2.22	Octopus	Cemetery Electric	£37.19	DD
		TOTAL	£15585.28	

EVPC 21/22/262

Income Received

Customer Number

11

Description

Interment NR

Amount

£296

6	Burial Plots R	£212
12	Room Hire	£28.75
9	Room Hire	£75
3	Room Hire	£21
6	Room Hire	£100
11	Burial Fees	£296
22	Rent	£600
6	Burial Fees	3254
	Total	£1271

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 21/22/263

Planning Applications

DM/22/00088/FPA – Proposed Erection of 3 Bed Detached Bungalow at Delgarth, Durham Lane, Easington Village for Mr K Davidson
DM/22/00075/TPO – Proposed Crown reduction by approx. 3 metres of two sycamore trees (T2 and T4) and one Norway Maple (T3) at 4 Dairy Houses, Little Thorpe for Les Ward
DM/22/00023/FPA – Proposed Single and Two Storey Extensions to the Rear at 10 Southside, Easington Village for Dr J Isaacson
DM/22/00216/FPA – Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension at St Mary’s Cottage, 9 Clappersgate, Easington Village for Mr Chris M
DM/22/00293/FPA – Proposed Single story rear extension and balcony above at 20 Hallfield Drive, Easington Village for Mr Paul Gibson

RESOLVED: that DM/22/00088/FPA an objection be submitted.

EVPC 21/22/264

Planning Approvals

DM/21/04107/TCA – Proposed Removal of 1 No. Sycamore Tree to Front of Property at Great Garth Hall, Easington Village
DM/21/04127/CEU – Certificate of Lawfulness Existing Use – Erection of Dwelling – House at Rectory Farm, Easington Village for Stobart
DM/21/03999/VOC – Proposed Variation of Condition 1 of DM/21/02601/VOC to amend plans so as to remove hedge on southern boundary between plots 23-54 and permit relocation of the principal entrance doors at 82 & 83

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 21/22/265

Planning Refusal

There were no planning refusals

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 21/22/266

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC 21/22/267

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 21/22/268

Consultation on an Economic Strategy for the County

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from the County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC).

RESOLVED: Members look at the consultation and provide any comments to the next meeting.

EVPC 21/22/269

Members reports of their Attendance at Meetings and Events on Behalf of the Parish Council

There had been no attendance at meetings/events.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 21/22/270

Resignation of Parish Councillor

To receive the resignation of Councillor John Devine. The Clerk advised that she had contacted Durham County Council Electoral Services who would forward the notice of a casual vacancy for the Parish Council to display.

RESOLVED: that the information given be NOTED.

EVPC 21/22/271

Community Emergency Plan

Members gave consideration to information received from the Durham County Council Civil Contingencies unit who had provided a community emergency plan template and had advised that they would be holding workshop meetings to assist in the completion of the plan.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 21/22/272

Risk Assessments

The Clerk advised that she had undertaken an extensive review of the Parish Council's risk assessments and actions that were required to be undertaken. She felt that it would be useful to have member involvement in the actions required from the risk assessments.

RESOLVED: that the Councillor Laws be appointed to assist the Clerk. If Councillor Laws was unable to assist then Councillor Lee would undertake the role.

EVPC 21/22/273

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council was scheduled for Monday 14th March 2022.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date